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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN FONMIN ESCOVAR'S VISIT PAVES WAY FOR BURNHAM-PEREZ MEETING IN VENEZUELA

REF: GEORGETOWN 727

1. I SPOKE WITH FONMIN RAMPHAL AT MINISTRY MORNING JUNE 11 IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE RETURNED FROM LENGTHY MEETING BETWEEN PM BURNHAM AND VENEZUELAN FONMIN ESCOVAR. HE SAID THAT MEETING SEEMED TO HAVE REMOVED ANY REMAINING OBSTACLE OF VISIT BY BURNHAM TO VENEZUELA (REFTEL). RAMPHAL SAID DATE STILL NOT FIRM.BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN LATTER PART OF JULY. BURNHAM REMAINS UNWILLING MEET PEREZ IN CARACAS AND MEETING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON MARGARITA ISLAND.

2. RAMPHAL INDICATED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS DISCUSSED MORE IN TERMS OF PRINCIPLE AND THEORETICAL EXAMPLES RATHER THAN SPECIFICS. ESCOVAR WAS MEETING WHILE I TALKED WITH RAMPHAL  
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WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER HOYTE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

TO FOCUS ON SPECIFICS. BOTH SIDES INTEND TO HAVE SPECIFIC  
PROJECTS READY FOR PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WHEN BURNHAM AND PEREZ  
MEET, ACCORDING TO RAMPHAL.

3. ON BAUXITE, RAMPHAL SAID AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE INPRINCIPLE  
FOR GUYANA TO SUPPLY BAUXITE TO VENEZUELAN ALUMINA FACILITIES.  
HE SAID NO RPT NO AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATION ON ALUMINUM  
SMELTER IN EITHER GUYANA OR VENEZUELA IS PRESENTLY PLANNED  
HE INDICATED BOTH ESCOVAR AND GOG ARE ANXIOUS NOT TO FURTHER  
OFFEND TRINIDAD P PM WILLIAMS BY MAKING SMELTER AGREEMENT WHICH  
WOULD APPEAR TO UNDERCUT PLAN FOR TRINIDAD-BASED SMELTER AND  
WHICH WOULD EXACERBATE WILLIAMS'S SUSPICION OF AND HOSTILITY TO  
VENEZUELA.

4. RAMPHAL DOES NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SPECIFIC RECOGNITION  
BY VENEZUELA OF GUYANA'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER ESSIQUIBO TERRITORY  
TO RESULT FROM EITHER VISIT OF ESCOVAR OR PROPOSED VISIT BY  
BURNHAM. HE CITED THIS AFTERNOON'S VISIT BY ESCOVAR TO KAITEUR FALLS  
IN THE DISPUTED TERRITORY, HOWEVER, AS AN INDICATION OF THE SLOW  
STEPS WHICH VENEZUELA IS WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE TOWARD  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE EXISTING SITUATION. PREVIOUSLY, VENEZUELAN  
AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTION BY GOV TO AVOID  
VISITING AREA. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, RAMPHAL SAID THAT  
POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN ASSISTANCE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN DISPUTE  
AREA WOULD ALSO AID IMPLICIT RECOGNITION, BUT THAT SUCH PROJECTS  
THERE HAVE NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON.

5. REGARDING CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS, RAMPHAL NOTED THAT ESCOVAR  
TOLD BURNHAM ITS ESTABLISHMENT WAS QUOTE IMMINENT UNQUOTE.  
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